

# THREE LETTERS

FROM

The Lord General *MONCK*,

Commander in Chief of the Forces in Scotland,  
and one of the Commissioners by Act of Par-  
liament for the Government of the Army  
of this Commonwealth,

*VIZ.*

To Mr. *SPEAKER*,

To the Lord *FLEETWOOD*,

To the Lord *LAMBERT*.



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To the *SPEAKER.*

*Right Honourable,*



Aving received notice, that there was a Force put upon the Parliament on the twelfth of this Instant, I have sent this Messenger to your Lordship, to know whether that force doth continue; for I am resolved by the Grace and Assistance of G O D, as a true *English-man*, to stand to and assert the Liberty and Authority of PARLIAMENT; And the Army here (praised be God) is very couragious and unanimous, and I doubt not but to give a good accompt of this Action to You. I have, according to your Act of the 11<sup>th</sup>. instant, being constituted a Commissioner for the Government of the Army,

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put out such persons as would not act according to your Commission: I do call God to witness, That the Asserting of a Commonwealth is the only intent of my heart, and I desire, if possible, to avoid the shedding of Blood, and therefore intreat You, that there may be a good understanding between *Parliament* and *Army*; But if they will not obey Your Commands, I will not desert You, according to my Duty and Promise. Which is all at present from

*Edinburgh,*

*Your humble and faithful*

Octob. 20.

Servant,

1659.

**GEORGE MONCK.**

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To the Lord FLEETWOOD.

Right Honourable,

**I** Have sent this Messenger to your Lordship, to let you know that we have received notice, that a part of the Army have put force upon the Parliament, which they so lately called together, and owned with the greatest Testimonies of Obedience and Repentance for their former Apostacie from them; I hope your Lordship will not abet an Action of such a dangerous and destructive Consequence; I know that you love the Liberty and Peace of England so well, That you will use your best Care, that Attempts of this nature be suppressed. I do therefore humbly intreat you that the Parliament may be speedily restored to that Freedom, which they enjoyed on the eleventh of this Instant, Otherwise I am resolved, by the Assistance of God, with this Army under my Command to Declare for them, and to  
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prosecute this just Cause to the last drop of my  
bloud; I blesse the Lord, that the Officers  
here are very unanimous: and for such,  
whose hearts fail them, or which will not act  
according to their Commissions from the  
Parliament, I having Authority as one of the  
Seven Commissioners appointed by Act of  
Parliament; Do constitute such as cheer-  
full for this Good Old Cause, till the Parlia-  
ments pleasure be further known; And I do  
plainly assure your Lordship, that I was ne-  
ver better satisfied in the justice of any En-  
gagement than in this: You cannot but remem-  
ber that God hath already shewed Himself  
glorious in it, and determined the Question  
this side, against Arbitrary power of raising  
Money without the Peoples consent first had,  
and the management of the Militia by any  
other then the Parliament. I desire your  
Lordship not to be deluded by the specious  
pretences of any ambitious persons whatso-  
ever, and do not bring all the bloud that will  
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be shed upon your own head; My Lord,  
Consider how you will answer to the dreadful  
God for the ruine of three Nations, for to  
serve a lust, or to gratifie a passion: For my  
particular, I am asbamed of these Confusions  
and Changes that we have made, that we are  
now become a scorn and a reproach to our ve-  
ry friends, and designed to Ruine by all our  
Neighbours. I take God to witnesse, that  
I have no further ends then the establisbing  
of Parliamentary Authority, and those good  
Lanes that our Ancestors have purchased  
with so much bloud, the setling the Nations  
in a free Commonwealth, and the defence of  
Godlinesse and godly men, though of different  
Judgement; And I take myself so far obli-  
ged, being in the Parliaments Service, to  
stand, though alone, in this Quarrell, And  
doubt not but your Lordship, having the fear  
of God in your heart, will carefully consider  
of this matter: Which is all at present from

Edinb. Octob. 20.

1659.

Your Excellencies humble servant,

GEORGE MONCK.



## To the Lord Lambert.

*Right Honourable,*

**H**AVING notice, that a part of the Army under the Parliaments Command, have, contrary to their duty, put force upon them; I have therefore sent this Messenger to your Lordship, to intreat you to be an Instrument of Peace and a good understanding between Parliament and Army: for, if they shall continue this Force, I am resolved, with the assistance of God, and that part of the Army under my Command, to stand by them, and assert their lawful Authority. For, Sir, the Nation of ENGLAND will not endure any Arbitrary Power, neither will any true English-man in the Army, so that such a Design will be ruinous and destructive; Therefore I do earnestly intreat you, that we may not be a scorn to all the world, and a Prey to our Enemies, that the Parliament may be speedily restored to their Freedom which they enjoyed on the 11. of this instant. Which is all at present from

*Edinburgh,*  
Octob. 10.  
1659.

*Your Lordships humble servants,*

GEORGE MONCK.